

That is the spirit in which this resolution is offered, Mr. President. The United States has provided much assistance to Cambodia to aid in its recovery from civil war. We are now extending MFN status to them, another step forward in our relations.

But we should not allow that progress to obscure our understanding of the serious and troubling trends beginning to emerge in Cambodia. I hope this resolution will help the administration send the appropriate message of concern over these trends.

Mr. ROTH. Madam President, I rise today to express my thanks to my colleagues for their unanimous support in passing this resolution expressing the Senate's concerns about a series of disturbing developments in Cambodia.

Recently, Congress sent to the President H.R. 1642, a bill to extend permanent most-favored-nation tariff treatment to Cambodia. Congress made it clear in that legislation that it was doing so, in part, because it believes normal trade relations with Cambodia could serve to improve the conditions in Cambodia.

The resolution we have passed today is meant to send a parallel message—that the United States Senate remains deeply concerned about problems in Cambodia, and will continue to follow events in that country closely.

Since 1991, the international community has contributed almost \$2 billion to peacekeeping and national reconstruction to Cambodia. Multilateral aid also provides over 40 percent of the Royal Government of Cambodia's annual budget.

While the U.N.-sponsored election of 1993 brought a brief period of freedom and democratic improvement to Cambodia, recent developments on a variety of fronts suggest that Cambodia's future remains precarious at best.

Most recently, the Royal Government of Cambodia, without appropriate prior consultation with the Cambodian Parliament and despite protestations from Cambodians residing both inside the country and overseas, obtained from King Sihanouk an amnesty for Ieng Sary. This man, brother-law to Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot, served as Deputy Prime Minister of the Khmer Rouge during the period when that loathsome group murdered as many as two million innocent Cambodians. Despite his position during that period, Ieng Sary has—incredibly—disavowed any responsibility whatsoever for the genocide perpetrated by the Khmer Rouge.

Just as appallingly, the amnesty granted Ieng Sary may allow him to fully reintegrate into Cambodian society. In fact, he appears likely to form a political party that he will lead into the local and national elections slated for 1997 and 1998.

Among other things, this resolution states that in compliance with the Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, the United States should support efforts to bring to justice members of the Khmer

Rouge for their crimes against humanity, that the President deem it appropriate to encourage the establishment of a national or international criminal tribunal for the prosecution of Ieng Sary and to provide that tribunal with any information available pertaining to Ieng Sary's alleged involvement in the Cambodian genocide.

The resolution also notes that Prince Norodom Sirivudh, former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister was arrested by the current government under trumped up charges of fomenting a plot to assassinate the Second Prime Minister, Hun Sen. After a summary trial without proper defense, Prince Sirivudh was found guilty by Hun Sen-appointed judges and was sent into exile in France.

Another prominent opposition leader, former Finance Minister Sam Rainsy was expelled from the coalition Funcinpec Party and the National Assembly for having criticized the RGC for its lack of transparency in its business deals with foreign firms. Since his expulsion, several members of his party have been murdered.

A number of members of another opposition party, the Buddhist Liberal Democratic Party of Cambodia, headed by former Prime Minister Sonn San, died as a result of a grenade attack during that party's national convention.

In addition, several editors and reporters from opposition newspapers have been assassinated. Currently, not one of these assassination cases has been solved.

Corruption in Phnom Penh is rampant and Cambodia has emerged as a major heroin trafficking center in Asia. Finally, in contravention to the Cambodian Constitution, the RGC has permitted deforestation and timber exploitation on such a massive scale that the agricultural livelihoods of enormous numbers of Cambodians are now threatened.

Madam President, all of us in this Chamber want Cambodia to become as swiftly as possible a peaceful, stable, prosperous, free and democratic member of the community of nations. The horrors the people of Cambodia have endured are beyond comprehension. Their resilience in the face of genocide, however, is a tribute to the true character of the Cambodian people. Mr. President, in adopting this resolution, we send an unmistakable message of support to the Cambodian people as they do the hard work of support to the Cambodia people as they do the hard work of restoring and renewing their country.

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment be agreed to, and the resolution be agreed to, the amendment to the preamble be agreed to, the preamble, as amended, be agreed to, the amendment to the title be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider the previous actions be laid upon the table, en bloc, and that any statements relat-

ing to the resolution appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 285) was agreed to.

The preamble, as amended, was agreed to.

The resolution, as amended, with its preamble, as amended, was agreed to, as follows:

[The resolution was not available for printing. It will appear in a future issue of the RECORD.]

The title was amended so as to read:

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that enforcement of the Cambodian Genocide Justice Act, improvements in Cambodia's record on human rights, the environment, narcotics trafficking and the Royal Government of Cambodia's conduct should be among the primary objectives of the United States in its relations with Cambodia.

#### WAIVING TEMPORARILY THE MEDICAID ENROLLMENT COMPOSITION RULE

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged of H.R. 3871, and further, the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3871) to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organizations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read the third time, and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3871) was deemed read the third time, and passed.

#### JOINT FEDERAL-STATE COMMISSION ON POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AFFECTING ALASKA NATIVES

Mr. NICKLES. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3973, which is currently at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3973) to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives.